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SECOND GENERATION REFORMS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have embarked upon the implementation of second generation reforms in the country;

(b) whether vigorous implementation of economic reforms has not yielded any help to the youth of the country by way of growth in the employment opportunities;

(c) if, so the reasons for the joblessness;

(d) the manner in which the Government propose to generate one millionS jobs to unemployed youth of the countryl; and

(e) the manner in which the Government plan employment in the period of second generation reforms?

Answer

Minister of State (REVENUE) (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (e): Economic Reforms are a continuous process and the policy instruments to implement them arE reviewed from time to time in the light of the prevailing situation. As per the results of the 55th NSSO Round (1999-2000), the rate of growth of employment, on Current Daily Status (CDS) basis, declined from 2.7 per cent per annum in 1983-94 to 1.07 per cent per annum in 1994-2000. During the 1990s, there has been a decline in tbe labour intensity of production. Providing gainful employement to the people in the labour force has been one of the important emements of the poverty alleviation strategy. The Tenth Five Year Plan(2002-07) aims at provision of gainful and high quality employment in excess of addition to the labour force during the Tenth Plan. The Tenth Five Year Plan has advocated the need for increasing the employment content of growth by promoting growth of such sectors/activities which employ more labour per unit of output. Agriculture and Allied Activities, Agro Forestry, Energy Plantation for Bio-Mass Power Generation, Small and Medium Enterprises including Village indutries, Information and Communication Technology and provision of Education, Health, Family and Child Welfare Services have been identified for special attention during the Tenth Plan for employment generation.